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SUBJECT: S/V BERTA IBIZA

FOLLOWING REPEAT COMDT COGARD WASH DC 221201Z JUN 78 ACTION
COMLANTAREA COGARN NEW YORK NY, INFO DEPT OF STATE, DEPT OF TRANSPORT
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DEPT OF JUSTICE, NMCC WASH DC, IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SVC,
WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROMM, USCGC UNIMAK, USCGC ALERT, UNCGC
TAMAROA, COGARD AIRSTA CAPE COD MA, CCGDFIVE PORTSMOUTH VA,
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GRU SHINNECOCK NY, US CUSTOMS WASH DC, DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
WASH DC AAND CG GRNC DATEDJUNE 22, 1978.

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TO AO
SITREP TWO S/V BERTA IBIZA (?) - LAW ENFORCEMENT SUSPECT VESSEL
A. CAA (AO) 212129Z JUN 78
B. GALLATIN 220313Z JUN 78
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C. CAA (AO) 220422Z JUN 78
D. CAA (AO) 220655Z JUN 78 (NOTAL)
1. SITUATION AT 220300Q JUN 78:
A. SUBJ VSL REMAINS UNDER SURVEILLANCE.
B. SUBJ HAS REMAINED WITHIN 500 TO 4000 YDS OF A SECOND VSL
SINCE SIGHTING. BOTH VSLs HAVE BACKTRACKED TO THE SOUTH SINCE
MID-NIGHT. 220300Q POSIT 38-37N 073-33W. LITTLE NORTHERLY PROGRESS

AT THIS TIME.

C. WX ON SCENE: CLR AND VSBY UNR, WIND SWLY 15 KTS, SEAS SOUTHERLY 3-4 FT.

2. ACTION TAKEN:

A. MAINTAIN COVERT SURVEILLANCE IAW REF B, EXCEPT THAT VSL CLOSED TO WITHIN 15000 YARDS AS HE BACKTRACKED. GALLATIN AVOIDED ANY DRASTIC MANEUVER WHICH MIGHT HAVE IMMEDIATELY COMPROMISED OUR INTENT.

B. OPENED GRADUALLY TO SHOREWARD AT 10-11 MILES FROM CONTACTS.

C. MAINTAINING VISUAL WATCH WITH NIGHT SCOPE.

D. CHOP CCGDTHREE EFF 220330Q.

3. EVALUATION:

A. VSL IN VIC OF SUBJ BELIEVED TO BE IN CONCERT WITH SUBJ. HELO SIGHTED A SMALL (40-50 FT, WHT HULLED) MOTOR VSL POSSIBLY A SPORT OR COMMERCIAL FISHING BOAT.

B. INTEGRITY OF COVERT SURVEILLANCE SUBJECT TO QUESTION.

C. BOTH VSLS ACTIONS INDICATE FOL POSSIBILITIES:

(1) SECOND VSL MAY BE CONTACT VSL AWAITING DAYLIGHT FOR TRANSFER.

(2) TRANSFER MAY BE IN PROGRESS WITH 17 FT OUTBOARD, AT THIS TIME.

(3) BOTH VSLS MAY BE AWAITING RDVU WITH OTHER PICK-UP BOATS.

(4) BOTH VSLS HESITANT TO TAKE ACTION DUE TO POSSIBLE SUSPICION THAT THEY ARE UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS:

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A. COMCOGARDGRU CAPE MAY NJ BE BRIEFED ON CASE TO DATE IN EVENT CONTACT VSL BREAKS TO THE WEST FOR SHORE.

B. WPBS IN CAPE MAY BE ALERTED TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING SURVEILLANCE AS VSL PROCEEDS TO SHORE AND POSSIBLY APPREHEND.

5. FUTURE INTENTIONS:

A. MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE BY REMAINING AT EXTREME EDGE OF RADAR AND VISUAL (BIG EYES) CONTACT RANGE.

B. LAUNCH HELO IN EVENT CONTACT BOAT BREAKS FOR SHORE, AND MAINTAIN SURFACE SURVEILLANCE ON SUBJ VSL WITH GALLATIN IN EVT RESOURCES ARE AVAIL FROM CAPE MAY TO APPREHEND CONTACT BOAT.

C. AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

6. CASE PENDS.

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